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SUBJ: NPG- MAY 6 NPG STAFF GROUP MEETING

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SUMMARY: AT MAY 6 NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) MEETING, US REP INFORMED SG THAT US DID NOT PLAN TO DISTRIBUTE A WRITTEN STATUS REPORT ON THE NUNN AMENDMENT PRIOR TO THE NPG MINISTERIAL. US REP REPORTED THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF THE NUNN AMENDMENT NUCLEAR REPORT WAS RELEASED TO CONGRESS ON MAY 2, AND THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF THE REPORT HAD NOT BEEN RELEASED AND MAY NOT BE REQUIRED. SG COMPLETED DISCUSSIONS OF THE DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-ON USE STUDY PROGRAM AND IS WILL ISSUE A REVISED DRAFT. US REP RESERVED USG POSITION ON QUESTION OF INITIATION OF PHASE III (PREPARATION OF POLICY GUIDELINES). OTHER SG REPS SUPPORTED UK APPROACH OF PREPARING A COMPREHENSIVE CONCEPT FOR THE USE OF THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES. END SUMMARY.

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1. AT MAY 6. MEETING OF THE NPG STAFF GROUP (SG), US REP (WOODWORTH), PER REF A, INFORMED REPRESENTATIVES THAT THE US DID NOT INTEND TO DISTRIBUTE A PAPER ON THE STATUS OF NUNN AMENDMENT

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS IN ADVANCE OF THE NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING. CANADIAN REP (BECKETT) ASKED IF SECDEF'S REMARKS WOULD BE CIRCULATED AFTER THE MEETING FOR THE BENEFIT OF NPG COUNTRIES NOT REPRESENTED AT MONTEREY. US REP SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF SECDEF'S REMARKS WOULD BE IN A TEXTUAL FORM THAT COULD BE CIRCULATED, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT THE INFORMATION PRESENTED COULD BE CONVEYED TO THE NPG COUNTRIES WHO WERE NOT PRESENT AT MONTEREY.

2. US REP REPORTED, PER REF B, THAT HIS AUTHORITIES RELEASED THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF THE NUNN AMENDMENT NUCLEAR REPORT TO CONGRESS ON MAY 2. HE ALSO INFORMED THE SG PER REF C THAT HIS AUTHORITIES HAD NOT FORWARDED THE UNCLASSIFIED SUMMARY OF THE REPORT TO CONGRESS, AND THAT THERE MAY BE NO NEED TO DO SO, IN LIGHT OF THE RELEASE TO CONGRESS OF THE UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF THE FULL REPORT. COMMENT. MISSION PROVIDED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REF C TO UK DCM LOGAN IN A LETTER DATED MAY 2. END COMMENT.

3. SG, CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS FROM MEETINGS ON MAY 2 AND MAY 5, COMPLETED REVIEW OF THE DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON THE FOLLOW-ON USE STUDY PROGRAM (REF D). SG REPS INCORPORATED A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF CHANGES AND US REP DREW FULLY ON WASHINGTON GUIDANCE IN REF E IN THE DISCUSSION. THE IS IS PREPARING A NEW DRAFT OF THE REPORT WHICH MISSION WILL TRANSMIT TO WASHINGTON WHEN IT IS ISSUED.

4. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE IN REF E, US REP RESERVED USG POSITION ON SECTION IV OF THE DRAFT REPORT CONCERNING INITIATION OF PHASE III (PREPARATION OF POLICY GUIDELINES). UK REP (BEAUMONT), IN EXPLAINING UK PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR A BROAD APPROACH TO PHASE III (REF C, PARA 1), SAID IT WAS NOT THE PURPOSE OF HIS AUTHORITIES TO RE-OPEN AGREED NATO POLICY DOCUMENTS DEVELOPED IN THE NPG. HE SAID THAT THEIR OBJECTIVE, RATHER, WAS TO DRAW THESE DOCUMENTS TOGETHER, AONG WITH NEW INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN THE FOLLOW-ON USE STUDY PROGRAM, THE TECHNOLOGY STUDY, AND OTHER STUDIES SUCH AS THOSE PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE NUNN AMENDMENT, AND DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE CONCEPT FOR THE USE OF THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES. IN SUBSEQUENT
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DISCUSSIONS OF THIS SUBJECT, OTHER SG REPS (BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, GERMANY, GREECE, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, AND TURKEY) INDICATED THAT THEIR AUTHORITIES SUPPORTED THE UK APPROACH. THEY ALSO AGREED THAT PERM REPS SHOULD RECOMMEND THIS APPROACH IN THE REPORT TO MINISTERS. THEY AGREED, FURTHER, THAT SECTION IV OF THE DRAFT REPORT SHOULD BE REVISED TO DELETE THE LIST OF OPTIONS CONTAINED IN THE CURRENT DRAFT, AND, WHILE MENTIONING BRIEFLY OTHER POSSIBLE APPROACHES, EMPHASIZE THE RATIONALE IN SUPPORT OF PREPARATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE CONCEPT FOR USE OF THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES. THE IS UNDERTOOK TO REVISE SECTION IV OF THE REPORT ALONG THE ABOVE LINES IN THE RE-DRAFT OF THE REPORT. BRUCE

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